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KHERSON SHIPYARD

KHERSON, USSR



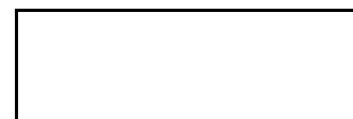
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SHIPYARD : KHERSON SHIPYARD
LOCATION : KHERSON, USSR
GEO-COORDS: 46-37N 032-36E

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KEY TO ANNOTATIONS

1. Unidentified vessel under construction at the north end of the outside building way (measurements undetermined).*
Only the lower hull of this vessel appears to be in place; no superstructure has been erected.
2. Unidentified vessel under construction at the north end of the inside building way (measurements undetermined).
This vessel is in an early stage of construction with only the lower hull and a portion of the stern in place.
3. Probable POLTAVA/PEREKOP Class cargo ship on the center position of the inside building way (LOA approx 510').
The hatch arrangement aided in the identification of this vessel.
4. Possible POLTAVA/PEREKOP Class cargo ship under construction on the south end of the outside building way (LOA approx 510').
5. Possible POLTAVA/PEREKOP Class cargo ship under construction on the south end of the inside building way (LOA approx 510').
6. Unidentified probable merchant ship along quay (LOA approx 550').
The topside configuration of this ship does not appear to equate to either the LENINSKIY KOMSOMOL/METALLURG KURAKO Class or the POLTAVA/PEREKOP Class cargo vessels.
7. Four unidentified small vessels.
8. Probable LENINSKIY KOMSOMOL/METALLURG KURAKO Class cargo vessel at entrance gate to launching basin (LOA approx 560').
The placement of the superstructure amidships and the presence of three probable holds both fore and aft contribute to the identification of this vessel. The 23 and 30 December 1965 issue of Shipping World and

* See NOTE 1.

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Shipbuilder (page 692) reported the launching of the "Parizhskaya Kommuna" (probably of the METALLURG KURAKO Class) at the Kherson Shipyard. The ship differed from the conventional METALLURG KURAKO Class in that it was equipped with a gas turbine propulsion system and controllable pitch propeller. There is a possibility that this vessel (at annotation 8) [REDACTED] There is no evidence of further LENINSKIY KOMSOMOL/METALLURG KURAKO Class construction at the shipyard following this vessel. [REDACTED]

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9. Possible POLTAVA/PEREKOP Class cargo ship at fitting-out quay (LOA approx 510').

10. Unidentified vessel at fitting-out quay (LOA approx 370'). The superstructure appears to run nearly the entire length of the vessel. The hull of this vessel appears similar to the one observed at annotation 11 below. A similar vessel appeared on the side launching way [REDACTED]

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11. Unidentified vessel on side launching way (LOA approx 370'). The hull of this vessel appears similar to the one observed at annotation 10 above. Although little superstructure detail is visible on the vessel on the way it does appear to be less advanced than the superstructure on the vessel at annotation 10.

- NOTES: (1) For the convenience of reporting, the easternmost building way (nearest the river) is referred to as the "outside" way and the westernmost building way is referred to as the "inside" way.
- (2) The differences between the PEREKOP Class and the POLTAVA Class are so slight that they cannot be distinguished on KEYHOLE photography.
- (3) The differences between the LENINSKIY KOMSOMOL Class and the METALLURG KURAKO Class are mainly in the kingpost and crane arrangements - differences which cannot be distinguished on this small scale [REDACTED] photography.

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CIA/PIR-67154. Kherson Shipyard, Kherson, USSR

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